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Picture parody

I am upset that the Daily has deleted important parts of my article "Kennedy sought peace" (Opinions, Feb. 4) and replaced them with illustrations that mock the arguments I made. The Daily did this and changed the title of my article without consulting me.

For example, the third illustration expressed that Kennedy's new policy toward Latin America was "Lots o' Bananas." The fourth illustration raises a motive for Kennedy's assassination as "Because of Bananas." Considering the content of my article, these can only be viewed as an attempt to distort and make a joke of my arguments.

The space that these illustrations took would have allowed for some of the serious statements that were deleted:

- The fact that ex-CIA director Allen Dulles — who Kennedy fired in 1961 — served on the board of directors of United Fruit Co., thus establishing a high-level connection between large corporate landowners and the CIA.
- The fact that United Fruit lost large properties to the Cuban Revolution and therefore had an interest in a U.S. invasion of Cuba.
- The reference to the CIA report "Survey of Latin America" of April 1964 that stated that "The climate for private enterprise has taken adverse turn." This showed a CIA opposition to Kennedy's Latin America policy.

The deletion of these ideas and their replacement with illustrations that distort and mock my arguments — all without consulting the author — is a form of irresponsible editing practices, if not censorship.

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